

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such report has been published in the Indian Express, dated May 8, 2000.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Adverse effect of antibiotics

3464. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation has advised the doctors to reduce prescribing antibiotics, because there overuse is spreading drug resistance;

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to ensure compliance with the advice of the World Health Organisation; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to educate the public on the adverse effect of overuse of antibiotics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Academic Standard of AIIMS

†3465. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards deterioration in the quality of doctors passing out from All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

(b) whether most students of this Institute, despite being most brilliant in the country after clearing graduation examination secure lesser marks than external students in post-graduation entrance exams for MD/MS;

(c) if so, the reasons for falling academic standard in this Institute;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.